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TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

HAMBURG AMERIKA LINE CONSPIRATORS! SENTENCED.

ROUMANIA COMMANDEERS ALL FOREIGN CRAFT IN ROUMANIAN PORTS.

Russian Successes on the Styx: Inflict Heavy Losses on the Enemy.

THE TURKS RETREATING IN THE CAUCASUS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

SUGGESTED NEW PERSONALITY TO CONTROL FRENCH FRONT.

December 4, 3.00 p.m.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Paris it is suggested in some quarters that now General Joffre has the supreme command of the National Armies, the direct responsibility for the French front will be entrusted to a new and prominent personality, who is a great expert on trench warfare.

RAIN INTERFERES WITH THE ARTILLERY.

December 4, 6.10 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Paris says that at the communiqué is featureless, except that the French have successfully exploded a mine at Vanquois.

A downpour of rain is interfering with the artillery.

THE BALKANS.

ROUMANIA COMMANDEERS ALL FOREIGN CRAFT.

December 4, 6.10 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Bucharest says that in the official interests of national defence the military authorities have commanded all foreign craft in Roumanian ports.

NO ENEMY TROOPS ENTER MONASTIR.

December 4, 9.00 p.m.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Athens it officially announced that no enemy troops have entered Monastir, but only German, Austrian and Bulgarian officers have entered.

THE RUSSIANS.

FURTHER ENEMY LOSSES.

December 4, 9.00 p.m.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd it is officially announced that the artillery have inflicted heavy losses on the enemy at Semki, on the left bank of the Styx. The enemy fled in disorder.

On the Caucasian front we pursued the Turks retreating to Varkumis and have approached the Bitlis mountains which are heavily snow-clad.

GERMAN AMERICAN PLOTS.

THREE OF THE CONSPIRATORS SENTENCED.

December 4, 7.00 p.m.

Three of the Hamburg Amerika Line conspirators on the 3rd inst. were sentenced to eighteen months and a fourth to one year's imprisonment, and the Hamburg Amerika Liner have been fined one dollar.

APPEAL TO SUPREME COURT IF NECESSARY.

December 4, 9.00 p.m.

The Hamburg America defendants will appeal to the supreme Court if necessary.

TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

THE BATTLE OF CTESIPHON.

GENERAL TOWNSEND'S REARGUARD ACTION.

December 4, 5.00 p.m.

The Press Bureau announce that the total casualties at the battle of Ctesiphon were 4587, including 133 officers. On the night of Nov. 30, General Townshend fought a rearguard action against greatly superior forces, our casualties being 150 of all ranks. Two river boats were disabled through shell fire, these having to be abandoned, but not until the guns and engines had been rendered useless.

General Townshend remarks on the steadiness of the troops, and states that the retirement was carried out in perfect order.

The latest reports say that General Townshend is within a few miles of Kut-el-Amarah, upon which he is now retiring.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE FIGHTING IN THE BALKANS.

MONASTIR EVACUATED BY ORDER.

December 3, 11.25 p.m.

Reuter's Salonica correspondent reports that the Serbians evacuated Monastir on Thursday evening by order and not under pressure from the Bulgarians.

AUSTRO-GERMANS MOVING TOWARDS BULGARIA.

November 3, 6.30 p.m.

According to Reuter's Correspondent at Paris, a Salonica telegram states that the Eastern General Staff has received news that Austro-German forces are moving towards Bulgaria.

Later November 4, 5.30 a.m.

The Daily Mail's Athens correspondent reports that the Bulgarians entered Monastir on the afternoon of the 2nd inst.

ADMIRAL TROUBRIDGE REACHES SCUTARI.

December 4, 4.30 a.m.

News has reached London to the effect that Admiral Troubridge, who commanded the British gunners at Belgrade, has reached Scutari.

GERMAN AMERICAN PLOTS.

December 3, 11.25 p.m.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Washington it is officially announced that the State Department has requested the recall of the German naval and military attaches, Captains Boyd and von Papen, because of their "objectionable activities in connection with naval and military matters."

GREECE AND THE BALKANS.

ALLIES RE-ESTABLISHING RESTRICTIONS.

December 3, 6.30 p.m.

It is understood that the Allies are re-establishing restrictions on Greek commerce in view of the "tergiversation" of the Greek Cabinet.

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

SILENCING GERMAN BATTERIES.

December 4, 1.30 a.m.

A Paris communiqué reports that the artillery actions have continued. A small post which the Germans surprised south of Lombartzkye has been recaptured. There was mine and grenade fighting on almost the entire front. The French silenced the German batteries which were bombarding Thann.

BRITISH STEAMERS SUNK.

December 4, 4.55 p.m.

The British steamer Langton Hall has been sunk, and part of the crew has been landed. The Colenso was sunk on the morning of the 30th ult., apparently by the same submarine which torpedoed the Melinch and Tans. Ten minutes were given to abandon the ship. The crew of thirty-two reached Malta on Thursday in nine boats.

N.Y.K. LINER ASHORE.

December 5, 6.30 p.m.

The Japanese steamer Kiteno Maru from Yokohama to London is ashore near Margate.

COMPANY MEETING.

The Union Insurance Society of Canton Ltd.

[VERBATIM.]

An Extraordinary General meeting of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., was held at the Head Office of the Society, 2, Queen's Building, Ice House Street, on Saturday Mr. S. H. Dodwell presided, those also present being:—Messrs. W. L. Pattenden, J. W. C. Bonner, J. A. Plummer, D. H. Holyoak, A. Forbes, and G. T. Edkins (Directors), and W. Dunbar Chan, Su-ki, S. G. Newall, Ho Fook, A. V. Apear, G. C. Moxon, H. M. H. Nemzese, and S. W. Bacon (shareholders), with Mr. C. Montague Ede (Secretary).

The Chairman said:—As it is now past the hour for which the meeting is called, I will now ask the Secretary to read the notice convening the meeting.

The Secretary having read the notice.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—the first resolution before you deals with a proposed increase of capital. The issue of this new capital is required to enable us to carry out our contract with those shareholders of the China Fire Insurance Company Ltd., who have accepted or shall accept the offer made to them by the Society on 4th August last. We offered to issue new shares and allot them to shareholders of that Company in exchange for their present shares in the ratio of one share in the Society to six shares in the Company. All legal requirements have been complied with and a sufficient majority of the China Fire Company's shareholders have already accepted our offer.

Our circular letter of 15th July and 30th August have already informed you fully of your Directors' reasons for recommending your acceptance of this scheme of amalgamation.

There are 20,000 China Fire Insurance Company's shares in all, and in order to acquire all these shares, it will be necessary for us to issue 3,334 shares to the shareholders of that Company. As this is an inconvenient figure, we are taking power to issue 3,600 shares thereby increasing the total number of shares in the Society to 16,000.

While a majority of the China Fire Company's shareholders have accepted our offer, there are still a number from whom replies have not been received, and as we wish to give all an opportunity of exchanging scrip, we have decided to issue a further circular to the China Fire Company's shareholders extending the time for the acceptance of our offer until the 31st March next.

The resolution goes on to mention "a contract or memorandum in writing to be made pursuant to said offer and to be filed with the Registrar of Companies." In order to comply with the Ordinance, when shares are not issued for cash, a contract showing on what terms they are issued has to be filed with the Registrar of Companies. In our case the contract will consist of the forms of Assent received from the individual shareholders of the China Fire Insurance Company endorsed with the particulars of the allotment made in each case.

The resolution finally gives the Board power to dispose in such manner as it shall think most beneficial to the Society of any balance of shares which may be left over after dealing with all of the assenting shareholders of the China Fire Insurance Company.

It will be some time before we know how many shares are left over. Your Directors think it advisable under existing circumstances to have a reserve of shares in hand to be issued when an opportunity presents itself of furthering the Society's interests thereby.

LOCAL WEDDING.

Mr. F. F. Duckworth—Miss Lennox.

TO ASSIST HEROES' ORPHANS.

Successful Sale of Work at Kowloon.

With the laudable object of raising funds to assist the Orphans of Soldiers and Sailors who are killed during the war, a fancy sale of work was organised in connection with St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, this taking place yesterday afternoon with gratifying success. The prime movers in the matter were Mrs. Gill and Miss Rutherford, these ladies, by whom all the arrangements were made, deserving every praise for the manner in which the function was organised. The sale of work took place in the grounds of the Church, the effectively arranged stalls presenting pretty appearance.

The opening ceremony was performed by Lady May, who was accompanied by Miss Phoebe May. Mrs. Gill and Miss Rutherford presided, the Rev. N. Pope (Vicar) and Mrs. Pope being among those present. A party of young ladies—The Misses Jack (2), Miss Flint, Miss Luckmanoff, Miss Edwards, Miss Hyde, and Miss Ramsey, who were attired to represent the Allies, presented Lady May with a beautiful basket of flowers their address to her Ladyship being:—Lady May, We the Allies, on behalf of Mrs. Gill and Miss Rutherford, present this basket of flowers as a gracious acknowledgment of your coming to Kowloon to open the sale of work in aid of the orphans of our sailors and soldiers."

Lady May, in opening the sale of work said that it gave her great pleasure to come to Kowloon to open it for such a good object. She wished it every success and thanked Mrs. Gill and Miss Rutherford for the beautiful flowers.

The stall holders then became busy disposing of their fancy and useful goods. Those in charge of the stalls were:—Fancy Stall; Mrs. Gill; Miss Rutherford; Mrs. King; Mrs. Blair; Mrs. Packham; and Mrs. Whitmarsh; Sweet Stall; Mrs. Stanley Smith; Mrs. Franklin; and Miss Gill; War Fund Clothing Stall; Mrs. Cooper Hunt and Mrs. Bowsher; Steniling Stall; Mrs. Davey, Mrs. Griffin, and Miss Hodger; Packing Stall; Miss Ferguson and Miss Stone. The tea stall was in the capable hands of Mrs. Pope, Mrs. Aitken and Mrs. Green.

Among the other attractions were a Braai Pie presented by the Sergeant and Corporals of the R.A.M.C., of which Corporals Strange and Evans were in charge, and a shooting gallery arranged and controlled by Mr. Green.

The Band of the 74th Punjabis (under Bandmaster Christian), who were present by kind permission of Col. Watson and the officers, rendered a good programme of music during the afternoon.

At five o'clock an enjoyable concert, arranged by Mr. Grimble, took place in the Church Hall, those contributing to the programme being:—the orchestra of the H. K. V. Signaller Section, Miss Villiers Smyth, Miss Scott, Miss Mary Hyde, Mr. A. J. England, Mr. Villiers Smyth, Mr. H. Jones, Mr. W. G. Worcester, Mr. H. Ralphs and Mr. H. E. Mariel.

During the afternoon a party of young ladies sold flowers and fävours in the grounds, quite a good income being raised from their efforts.

It should be mentioned that Mr. Pockham superintended the erection of the stalls, Mr. Davey of the Harbour office, securing valuable assistance in the work.

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